



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	<u>PATENT</u>
Ian Trevor DAMPNEY et al.	:	Confirmation No. 6516
Serial No.: 09/890,581	:	Docket No. 000026-00030
Filed: March 8, 2002	:	Customer No. 27557
For: ACTUATING AND LOCKING MECHANISM FOR A SURGICAL TOOL	:	Art Unit: 3731
	:	Examiner: Nguyen, VI X.

**AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the December 6, 2004 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Appendix : Abstract of the Disclosure**